

Posted at 10:15 AM on December 14, 2013...

STATUS OF THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - MONITORING

No Significant Changes to the Forecast...

Winter Storm Warnings are now in effect for most of the state except for the southeast coast where Winter Weather Advisories are in effect. At 10:00 AM radar showed light to occasionally moderate snow falling across the state. Temperatures currently range from the mid-teens in Northern CT to near 20 F along the coast. Roads are dusted with dry snow across the state with some slick spots and a minor impact on travel.

For the next 6 - 8 hours... Towns can expect light to moderate snow through the afternoon with slippery travel. Total snowfall by 5:00 PM is forecast to range from 1" - 3" across the state. Temperatures are expected to slowly rise into the mid 20's along the coast and to near 20 F inland by 5:00 PM. Light Northeast winds are forecast to increase to 10 - 15 MPH by late this afternoon.

This Evening and Overnight... Snow is forecast to become heavy at times from Southwest to Northeast between 8:00 – 11:00 PM. A snow/sleet line is then expected to develop along the coast of Connecticut by midnight and begin moving slowly inland. As the snow/sleet line moves slowly north towns north of the line can expect a period of moderate to heavy snow with snowfall rates up to 1 1/2" per hour for several hours before the snow changes to sleet and then to freezing rain.

Travel is expected to become very hazardous after midnight with moderate to heavy snow blowing across roads and Northeast winds 15 – 25 MPH gusting to 30 MPH at times north of the changeover line. The snow/sleet line is expected to reach the MA border by 4:00 AM. Areas along the coast and into Southeastern CT may change over to all rain by 4:00 AM.

Sunday Morning: Sleet in Northern CT and freezing rain / rain in Southern CT tapering off between 8:00 – 10:00 AM. Some light snow or flurries may persist during the rest of the day especially in the Northwest hills with little or no additional accumulation. Temperatures are expected to hold in the low 30's during the day.

Total accumulations are currently forecast to range from 3 - 6" along the Southeast coast, 6" – 8" in Southern Connecticut up to 8 – 12" in Northern Connecticut.

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will issue another update on this storm event at 5:00 PM this afternoon or sooner if the forecast changes significantly.